

## Social Activities

**Monifieth Parish Church Guild**  
**'Soup & Something Sweet Lunch'**

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March**  
After Morning Service  
**Donations Accepted.**

**Monifieth Parish Church**  
**Easter Craft Fair**

**Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2020**  
**10am-3pm**

in Monifieth Parish Church

**Goods from**  
**Local Crafters**  
**will be on display and for sale**  
**Tea and Coffee will be served.**

**Monifieth Parish Church will have two stalls selling home baking and handmade items. [See page 7 for more details]**

**Monifieth Parish Church**  
**LOCHGELLY BRASS BAND**

**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> April**

**In The Sanctuary**  
**High Street Monifieth**

**At 7pm**  
Bar and Tea/Coffees  
**Tickets £10.**

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Items for the May/June issue of IMPACt should be with the editor, by noon on April 20<sup>th</sup>  
**IMPACt will be available on Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup>.**

## Congregational Roll.

### ADMISSION.

#### By Resolution

Mr. Harry and Mrs. Lillian Brown, Monifieth. (*District 66 Bobby Anderson*)  
 Mr. Thomas and Mrs. Joyce Hagan, Broughty Ferry. (*District 16 Maggie Gray*)  
 Mr. Stewart and Mrs. Fiona Cram, Broughty Ferry. (*District 16 Maggie Gray*)

### DEMISSION.

#### By Certificate of Transference

Rev. Caroline Taylor, Broughty Ferry. (*District 15 Barbara Burns*)  
 Mr. Alan & Mrs. Margaret Gateley, Balerno. (*District 1 Postal*)

### DEATHS.

*'I am the resurrection and the life'*

26<sup>th</sup> Jan. Mr. Drummond Robertson, Monifieth. (*District 66 Bobby Anderson*)  
 1<sup>st</sup> Feb. Mr. Iain Henderson, Monifieth. (*District 43 Drew Scott*)  
 14<sup>th</sup> Feb. Mr. Robert Watson, Monifieth. (*District 10 Steve Allardyce*)  
 14<sup>th</sup> Feb. Mrs. Gail Joyce, Monifieth.  
 17<sup>th</sup> Feb. Mr. Alex. Bell, Monifieth. (*District 56 Stewart Brown*)  
 17<sup>th</sup> Feb. Mrs. Jean McFee, Monifieth.

## Service Dates for Your Diary.

8 <sup>th</sup> Mar.	11:00	Morning Worship	Rev. Fiona Reynolds
15 <sup>th</sup> Mar.	11:00	Morning Worship	Rev. Fiona Reynolds
22 <sup>nd</sup> Mar.	11:00	Morning Worship	Rev. Fiona Reynolds
29 <sup>th</sup> Mar. (am)	11:00	Morning Communion	Rev. Fiona Reynolds
29 <sup>th</sup> Mar. (pm)	18:30	Evening Communion	Rev. Fiona Reynolds
5 <sup>th</sup> Apr.	11:00	Morning Worship	Rev. Fiona Reynolds
12 <sup>th</sup> Apr.	11:00	Morning Worship	Rev. Fiona Reynolds
19 <sup>th</sup> Apr.	11:00	Morning Worship	Rev. Fiona Reynolds
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26 <sup>th</sup> Apr. (pm)	18:30	Evening Communion	Rev. Fiona Reynolds
3 <sup>rd</sup> May	11:00	Morning Worship	Rev. Fiona Reynolds

### Other Services.

24 <sup>th</sup> Mar.	14:30	Tigh-na-Muirn	Scott Reynolds
31 <sup>st</sup> Mar.	14:00	South Grange N.H.	Scott Reynolds
21 <sup>st</sup> Apr.	14:30	Tigh-na-Muirn	Scott Reynolds
28 <sup>th</sup> Apr.	14:00	South Grange N.H.	Scott Reynolds

## World Day of Prayer.

Monifieth Parish Church is hosting the World Day of Prayer Service this year, on **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm.**

Please come along to help welcome our neighbours from St Brides and Holy Trinity, as we all join in the service prepared by women from Zimbabwe.

After the service, teas and coffees will be served in the Rattray Hall, with the opportunity for further fellowship.

**Barbara Burns.**

## Minister's Musings.

Dear Friends,

At a training conference for new ministers, which I attended in January, we were reminded that Jesus is not just incarnate, crucified, risen and ascended, but also betrayed. When we share in communion, I will often utter the words: "On the night that Jesus was betrayed...". As disciples of Jesus, we follow someone who was betrayed, someone who was let down by his friends and those closest to him. Not only did Judas ensure Jesus was arrested by the authorities, but Peter denied knowing Jesus 3 times and the rest of the disciples disappeared when Jesus needed them the most. In the Christian faith, we follow—and seek to emulate—the Betrayed One.

Which makes me wonder: have you ever felt betrayed? By family or friends, or even the church? What did that illicit in your body, mind and soul? I would imagine, whatever it felt like for you, it was not pleasant. Betrayal produces a rift in relationships, potentially leading to further conflict, and healing can be a long, slow process. It is a painful journey for anyone to follow, but we all must do it at some point in our lives. Perhaps there is an invitation for us this Lent to examine our relationships, discover hidden senses of betrayal and begin (or progress) the work of healing. It is deeply sacred work, and never straight-forward, but Jesus goes before us and helps us grow into reconciliation.

With every blessing for the season of Lent and the joy of Easter,

*Fee Reynolds.*

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### Church, Children, and Interruptions.

*[The second offering in a series of articles about children and young people in church.]*

The other day, my husband and I had the opportunity to go to a beautiful Advent performance with a full choir, orchestra and children's choir. It was a wonderful night, but I have to admit, there was one thing that started to irritate me during the evening. In the row behind us were a couple of young children and, you guessed it, they had a difficult time during the performance. More than once I was bumped in the head as there was a great deal of talking and shushing, movement in and out of the aisle and the like.

I found my reaction interesting, considering how much I advocate for children to be a part of corporate worship and attend "big church" with adults at some point in time. How could I blog about that and then get irritated when a child bothered me at a performance? And then it hit me... no, not the child's toy, though that did happen. What hit me was this thought: the reason I was agitated was because this was a performance meant to be listened to and involving me only in a few moments of singing and a candle-lighting portion at the end. It was a place of passive engagement where I was expected to sit, to listen, to observe and to soak up the entire experience. I was there as a consumer and the product was a beautiful, inspiring musical performance.

My agitation existed because a child was interrupting that performance. **Church on the other hand, is not supposed to be a performance.** After all, who would we be performing for? One another? The live stream video viewers? God? No, church is supposed to be a time where we gather to worship together, to speak life to each other, to pray for one another, and to come together in our shared faith and be the body of Christ together. And yes, we may follow a liturgy or listen to a sermon or sing songs...but it's not supposed to be a performance. It's not supposed to be a place of passive engagement that only includes us for a few moments of singing and an occasional candle-lighting. Church isn't something to be consumed; it is something to be!

The earliest churches met in homes and gathered at tables for communion and love feasts. A crying babe? A restless child? These weren't interruptions; they were merely part of life. So why does it bother us so much when our Sunday services get intruded on by the sounds of young children? My guess is that even if we don't intend for church to be a performance, it can so often become just that. The bulletin becomes our script, the liturgy becomes our lines, and the stage becomes...well, our stage. The pulpit becomes the spotlight and the clock becomes our timekeeper. And somewhere in the midst of it all, we feel like we can't interrupt the program or let it be interrupted, because this is our chance, our one chance during the week to get what we need for the upcoming days.

Is this an exaggeration? Maybe. But maybe there is some truth in it. If our church services are so polished and our expectations of passively receiving are so high that the cry of a child or the rustling of a toddler are enough to steal our joy, maybe we are a little too oriented towards a performance mentality than a worship mentality. Maybe the most worshipful thing we can do is embrace that child, ask their parents if they need anything, learn their name, say their name, and excitedly seek them out the next week, so that they know they are welcome: giggles, wiggles and all.

I always feel like I have to caveat posts like this one with a simple statement that I am a fan of both/and; I believe there are important reasons to have both age-sensitive ministry *and* intergenerational ministry. But I also think there are a lot of reasons why it is hard for us to include those younger generations in our corporate worship settings and one of those might just be our tendency to lean towards performance instead of worship. In a previous post about talking in church (yes, I advocate for parents quietly explaining the church service to their kids in church), this statement appears:

"When we put such a high premium on non-disturbance in our modern-day church services, it comes with a cost...and in my opinion, that cost is relationship, discipleship, and compassion. I'd much rather see a brief conversation happen during the service that leads to engagement and discipleship than the rigid silence that leads to disengagement, boredom and resistance to God's Word simply so one can escape the judgment and criticism of others."

Similarly, I would much rather see a child in church, playing with an activity bag, colouring on the bulletin, chomping Cheerios like there is no tomorrow, than to never see children and youth in the sanctuary walls.

Are there ways for us to make the space more welcoming to children and youth? Yes, of course...but if we always follow the same script, it will be hard to do those things. A shift in our mindset and our expectations is necessary for us to embrace what each generation has to bring us as we gather to worship together.

*This was first published by Christina Embree on 11<sup>th</sup> December 2019 online at <https://refocusministry.org/2019/12/11/church-children-and-interruptions/> and is reprinted here with permission. Christina is currently studying for a Doctorate in Spiritual Formation in the USA and blogs extensively about family ministry and intergenerational church.*

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## **News from Rev. Kate McDonald - Tiberias.**

**Follow Kate's blog: [www.imaginationofpeace.com](http://www.imaginationofpeace.com)**

It's now about 4 years since Kate felt called to leave the Episcopal Church in Edinburgh and become the minister of the Scots Kirk in Galilee. Like any member of the clergy she leads Sunday worship, but in many respects her day to day life is quite different from a minister in Scotland. Israel of course is not divided into parishes and Tiberias is a predominantly Jewish town: there are never any Christmas decorations in the streets. The Scots Hotel, which belongs to the Church of Scotland, provides employment for people of all religions and nationalities and in this respect it has an important role to play in breaking down prejudice. Kate acts as chaplain to the staff.

Much of her time however, is spent in a variety of places throughout Israel, Palestine and the Occupied Territories. She works with various partners in organisations concerned one way or another with peace and justice. For instance, Sindyanna is a Fair Trade cooperative employing women to produce olive oil and products made from it. These are not yet available in the UK, but you *can* buy moisturiser made from the oil in Lush, which has a branch in the Overgate.

I was delighted that Kate's last visit to Dundee Presbytery enabled her to attend the evening service on the day the new church was dedicated, as she had taken part in worship in the St Rule's building two years previously and met many of the congregation. She was able to have a chat with Fee and Scott, as well as people she'd met before, and I know she also appreciated meeting some clergy from other denominations. (In fact through my connection with Kate, I've had coffee with the Bishop of Brechin!)

On 16<sup>th</sup> February our Old Testament passage was from Micah, which contains Kate's favourite verse, telling us what it is that God asks of us: to act with justice, to love kindness and to walk humbly with our God.

Please do remember Kate in your prayers – I know this means the world to her.

**Caroline Taylor**

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## **Lemon Curd – Dig in!**

When I joined Monifieth Parish Church five years ago (I felt so at home on my first Sunday that I didn't need to "shop around"), I was recovering from glandular fever. As I regained my strength, I very much wanted to get involved in the life of the congregation and so I made lemon curd for the Auction. Malcolm told me it was popular, so since then I've made lots of little jars of the stuff for the various fundraising events.

One member, who will remain anonymous, told me that she ate the whole jar with a spoon the very day she'd bought it! Now that's what I'd call getting stuck in. And that's also how I feel about the Church – to make the most of our membership, we need to get stuck in, spiritually, socially and every other way.

Now that I'm recovered and working part-time in Meadowside St Paul's linked with St Andrew's, it's difficult for me to play much of a role in Monifieth. Some people could live with that but, to keep with the lemon curd image, I feel I'm spreading myself too thinly. So I've decided to join Meadowside St Paul's, but will never forget the kindness and support I've received in Monifieth.

I love the new church, cherish the many friends I've made, and appreciate the ministry given by Fee and Scott, so you haven't actually seen the last of me!

God bless you all.

**Caroline Taylor.**

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## **Isolation and Loneliness.**

Ask yourself this question. When did you last enjoy being part of a social gathering? A 'cuppie' with a friend? Seeing members of your family? Imagine if you knew you were unlikely to chat to anyone for the next 4 weeks, nobody but yourself to listen to your voice? That's the reality for 200,000 adults over 65. (cf *Age UK*). This is true isolation, which significantly damages mental health. We can all do simple things to help: make it part of your life to invite a friend you haven't seen for a while or spoken to, for a cuppa: look for the person sitting on their own at a gathering and make them feel they matter. Chat at the bus stop, on the bus, in the supermarket. Little things can make a big difference.

These ideas are probably obvious to us, but nevertheless, there is such a big problem nationwide surely we should try to do SOMETHING!

**Valerie Jamieson.**

# Monifieth Parish Church Organisations.

## Flower Group.

Flowers gifted in....

January		February	
5 <sup>th</sup>	Miss M. Leslie	2 <sup>nd</sup>	The Fenton Family
12 <sup>th</sup>	Mr. I. Clapperton	9 <sup>th</sup>	The Dorward Family
19 <sup>th</sup>	Mrs. M. Kettlewell	16 <sup>th</sup>	Mrs. E. Smith
26 <sup>th</sup>	The Milne Family	23 <sup>rd</sup>	Mrs. P. Johnston

Thanks to you all and to Mrs. M. McConnell for your kind donations for flowers and to the weekly arrangers and deliverers.

Do you have any flower baskets you don't need? The flower group requires baskets to fill with daffodils at Easter. Please bring them to the church, or phone Anne Grace on 532832 for uplift.

*Anne Grace*

## Ladies' Club.

The Monday Ladies' Club meets on the first and third Monday of each month at 7:30pm. The meetings are held in the Rattray Hall in the new church building.

New members welcome.

## Syllabus.

2<sup>nd</sup> Mar. A.G.M. & Cookery Demonstration - Derek Stewart

16<sup>th</sup> Mar. Spring Lunch

## S.A.M.

'Songs And Memories' is well under way for the present session with 100+ friends meeting in the church Sanctuary each Wednesday from 2pm to 3:15pm Most of our usual friends come along for their weekly sing-along, as always, followed by a welcome chat over a cup of tea or coffee and a biscuit!! Did you know that we have a 'live three piece band' each week??

*The SAM Team.*

## Are You Interested in A Men's Club?

We have received an expression of interest in starting a Men's Club in the church. Can anyone who would be interested in being part of this, please contact Ian Clapperton on 534384.

*Ian Clapperton.*

## Quiet Room.

The church's small quiet room can be accessed from just inside the front door, or from the sanctuary. This is a space for **YOU**. If you would like some time to be still, reflect, pray, read, whatever: please use the Quiet Room. Each month, there will be a different 'prayer station' for you to use, as well as other materials for you to engage with, as you wish. But, most important, is the invitation to just be. The quiet room is open whenever the church is open, especially before and after Sunday services - please do come in and simply be.

*Fee Reynolds.*

## The Guild.

The Rev. Anne Stewart came to speak to us about being the 'Chaplain at Castle Huntly'. This is an open prison which holds about 200 prisoners. She works in the new Chaplaincy in a space called 'The Shack', which operates as a drop-in centre. They try to prepare the prisoners for release at the end of a long sentence. The prisoners are all risk assessed, but this is no guarantee they will behave. This reflects badly on the ones trying their best, and about one prisoner a week is returned to closed prison. Rev Stewart tries to build relationships with 'the boys', but there are many problems - racist, sexist, homophobic remarks, family troubles, literacy, drug, alcohol and mental health problems, but she loves her job, and will keep doing it as long as she can.

On 27<sup>th</sup> January, Doug and Margaret Scott and Bill Williamson came to give us a talk and presentation on the work of Scotland's Charity Air Ambulance. Having been involved in aviation all his working life, Mr. Scott was looking for something to do when he retired and when he discovered the S.C.A.A was a charity and depended on donations to function, he decided to get involved and help raise money, while spreading the word about the work they do. There is a helicopter based in Perth which costs £6 million pounds to rent and run for three years. They already have donations from Stagecoach and Babcocks, which help to pay for the 2 pilots, the 2 doctors and the 6 paramedics needed to run the service. The helicopter responds to time critical emergencies and are a lifeline to remote and rural communities. Saving time saves lives. Every mission costs about £2,500. They hope to base another helicopter in Aberdeen, so are trying to raise another £6 million! Good luck in your endeavours.

Mrs. Pat Garland came to speak to us on 10<sup>th</sup> February about 'Volunteering in St. Lucia'. Mrs Garland read an article in a magazine about 'Voluntourism' - go on holiday for four weeks and work for part of the time. Mrs. Garland, a retired teacher, worked in a school with two other 'voluntourists'. She had managed to raise £3,000 to buy resources when she reached St. Lucia. Even though the island has beautiful beaches and cruise ships stop there, most of the island is underdeveloped. Pat introduced the kids to computers, but only two computers in the school worked, and everything on the island is done on-line! There were 335 pupils in the school where Old Testament names abounded, and the children were very tactile and kept touching Pat's soft white hair. They were always beautifully turned out in school uniform. Pat enjoyed her time there and would go back to help, but unfortunately they no longer do these holidays - it's a pity as it sounds such a great idea!

Thank you, again, to everyone who supported our Coffee Morning, in whatever way, and helped us to raise the magnificent total of **£1,004**. Thank you.

## Dates for your diary

March 8<sup>th</sup> 'Soup and Something Sweet Lunch' in the Rattray Hall after the church service.

March 9<sup>th</sup>. Dundee in the 1960s. *John Irvine*

March 23<sup>rd</sup>. Guild A.G.M.

*Anne Jack.*

# 1<sup>st</sup> Monifieth Company Boys' Brigade News.

## **Fundraising Updates.**

Our Boys' Brigade "Coffee Morning" was held on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> February 2020, in Monifieth Parish Church and The Rattray Hall, High Street, Monifieth. Unfortunately, due to the timing of this month's issue of IMPACT, we're not yet in a position to let you know how much was raised to help with the cost of our Summer Camp at the brilliant Boat of Garten Community Centre. All the proceeds of this venture will go towards the Summer Camp. We will update you in the next issue, or you will find out from the Sunday Intimations at the church service.

## **Company Section Update.**

In early February (Saturday 1<sup>st</sup>) some of our very enthusiastic boys were scheduled to take part in the local Battalion Cross Country Competition, at Camperdown Country Park, but unfortunately it had to be cancelled due to the lack of entries from other Companies. This was unfortunate, as our boys normally do quite well in this competition.

After much hard work, the Gerard Halls now has a complete Wi-Fi system. We had to purchase expensive industrial Broadband Extenders and install them at critical points throughout the halls; the problem started when we discovered that the internal walls of the halls were too thick to allow a Wi-Fi broadband signal with sufficient strength to stay constant. We now have equipment installed to allow multiple users to using the Wi-Fi anywhere in any of the halls.

**Summer Camp 2020** – After having a very successful camp last year at a new venue (Boat of Garten Community Centre), we had no hesitation in booking the same site again for this year's camp. This year the Camp is being held from Saturday, 27<sup>th</sup> June until Saturday, 4<sup>th</sup> July. This means our camp has returned to its normal time of year [i.e. first week in July], so hopefully our number of boys attending should be more than last year. The success of the camp always depends on the weather and having fantastic facilities on site; we can't control the weather, but at Boat of Garten Community Centre the facilities are top notch. Also we will be returning to using our Marquee/Tents etc., and we have been informed by the boys that they enjoy and prefer this style of camping.

## **Pipe Band News.**

Our combined Pipe Band (1<sup>st</sup> Monifieth and 44<sup>th</sup> Dundee Companies) were again invited to perform at a special "Massed Band Burns Night Celebration" in the city of Perth on Saturday, 25<sup>th</sup> January. We turned out a very sizeable Boys' Brigade Pipe Band and performed brilliantly on a cold but dry January evening. There was a company (Braemar Media) recording the performances of the Pipe Bands and I have contacted them to see if we could publish some of their recordings on our Facebook site, or even in the new Monifieth Parish Church website; I will report back on this.

To try and improve the publicity of our talented Pipe Band we will be moving two of our Band practice sessions to the Monifieth Parish Church High Street Sanctuary and record the sessions. If all goes well, we might be able to link up these recordings on our own Facebook and Church websites. Watch this space for further developments.

Our Pipe Band is scheduled to take part in the Dundee and Angus Battalion Solo and Pipe Band Competition, being held on Saturday, 29<sup>th</sup> February, 2020, in the St. John High School, Dundee. Unfortunately, due to the timing of this month's issue of our IMPACT, we are not yet in a position to let you know how the boys and Pipe Band performed, normally this is one of the competitions we excel in. We will update you in the next issue.

Our Band is also taking part in the Boys' Brigade Scottish National Band Competition, being held at Hutcheson Grammar School, Glasgow, on Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup> March. This is quite a challenging time for all the youngsters and their tutors - we wish them well in all of the competitions.

Our Pipe Band is always keen to promote the Boys' Brigade, so if anyone knows of any occasions that might help us raise funds, please contact myself (Archie Peaston) on 01382-532916 or Jordan Ednie (Pipe Major) on 07805594044

As our church's IMPACT is now only being issued approximately every two months, you may wish to learn more and keep up to date with all that is happening in the 1<sup>st</sup> Monifieth Boys' Brigade Company, by following us on Facebook – 1<sup>st</sup> Monifieth@1stMonifiethBB or refer to the Monifieth Parish Church web site - [www.monifiethparishchurch.co.uk](http://www.monifiethparishchurch.co.uk)

## Fundraising & Other Items.

### Items for Your Future Social Diary.

There are a few things organised for this year so far .....

#### Easter Craft Fair.

Local crafters will be displaying and selling their goods on **Saturday, 28<sup>th</sup> March, 2020** from 10am-3pm (**See page 1**) Tea and Coffee will also be served. Admission will be free, but donations will be accepted towards the cost of the tea & coffee.

*We at Monifieth Parish Church will have two stalls selling home baking and handmade items. Therefore if your talents lie in baking, sewing or knitting and you would like to make things for the fair this would be greatly appreciated.*

*Items can be handed in on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March between 4pm & 5pm, and baking on the day from 9am.*

If you have any questions contact Tricia on 533516.

**Social and Fundraising Team.**

**Lochgelly Brass Band** - will be back on **Saturday, 18<sup>th</sup> April** at 7pm. Tickets £10 are available from Lesley or Malcolm, or ask any committee member. They were brilliant last time, so either come back and hear them again, or come and see/hear what you missed the last time. This will be in the Sanctuary.

There will be a bar and tea/coffees available.

**Rock Choir** - will be here on **Saturday, 8<sup>th</sup> August** at 7pm. Tickets are £10 and will be available nearer the time.

#### Bake & Book.

We will be back in the village again this year "loitering with intent" to raise money. **Saturdays, 6<sup>th</sup>; 13<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> June**, will be on a small scale and open from 10am - 1pm. This means baking, books, plants and some small items. The plan is to let the locals see that we are back. From **Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> June until Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> August**, we will be open every day once again, except Sundays, in the Rattray Hall, selling anything in good condition - except large furniture which we cannot accept due to space constraints. So, can you all please keep anything suitable for sale and we will gather it up later. Baking will only be sold on Saturdays. We will be open from 10am - 4pm providing there is enough help. A rota will be set up nearer to the time, so I hope to see all the regulars and lots of new faces. It's good fun and, don't worry if you haven't "done retail" before, as training is available - basically we'll explain what happens and anything you need to know, which is not much. If you have any queries, just ask a committee member (*Lesley, Malcolm, Ruth, Cath, Irene, Colin, Ed, Ian, Careen, Doris, Dave, Tricia*)

**Lesley 534960**

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### Long Service Elders.



Steve Allardyce, Ron Grace and Alex Lamont received their long-service certificates from Rev. Fiona Reynolds during the Communion Service on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> February.

## **Eco-Congregation Committee Proposals for 2020.**

**Committee Members:** - Lesley McFarlane, Tricia Inglis, Forbes Winchester and Jim Culloch, Convener.

Our Remit for 2020 and beyond is outlined below, having been ratified by the Kirk Session Meeting on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2020.

- A) We have completed an Eco-award application, comprising of all the actions MPC have taken over the years we have been a member of Eco-Congregation Scotland and have now lodged it with the assessing committee for Eco-Awards at 121 George Street, Edinburgh EH2 4YN.
- B) Lesley has been organising collection of all sorts of items over the years and, after a short discussion, we agreed to concentrate on the collection of:- i) spectacles; ii) small used toner cartridges and something new; iii) unwanted mobile phones, laptops and small games consoles. The collection of used stamps, although not under our remit, will still carry on. Also I stated that Ava from Covers and Candelabras had been in touch with Rev. F. Reynolds in late summer 2019, to discuss running the recycling of adult clothes in the new church premises and it was agreed at Kirk Session that this should be encouraged. I will contact Ava shortly, to find out what has been happening over the last few months regarding clothes donations and when she is scheduling to commence this worthwhile service, for the benefit of our community.
- C) As a group we discussed the need for a simple headline project that the congregation could be involved in and which would be relevant to our remit and aspirations. Tricia produced a leaflet by Tearfund Action, which will be distributed to the congregation and our community, for drastically cutting our plastic waste. The pledge is to give up single-use plastic item(s) for 40 days, or longer if possible. It is a simple idea but a very powerful one and one which will make a big difference to our plastic pollution problem locally, in the UK and worldwide.
- D) We have, as a group, made great progress in encouraging our congregation to use Fairtrade products in the church and at home, which include food, drinks and cleaning items. It is something we have championed over the years and we shall keep on spreading the message throughout our church and wider community, to highlight workers in less well-developed parts of the world getting paid a fair wage for their labours.
- E) Lesley was also keen to have the congregation hand in any empty jam jars and ramekins for the proposed Bake and Book for 2020. Details are still to be confirmed.

Also, donations for the Bake and Book will be welcomed, as it has been decided to run it from June – August 2020. More details to follow.

Tricia stated that David Inglis would be more than happy to take away any suitable items not sold after the end of August, to distribute through Starter Packs.

As a group, we would be keen to implement all of the above proposals in 2020 and beyond. We would also encourage those of you who are able, to take part in the monthly beach clean in Monifieth, which takes place on the first Saturday of every month, come hail or shine. Meet at 10.00am at the main building adjacent to the play park at the Blue Seaway.

*Jim Culloch. Eco-Congregation Convener.*

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## **New Volunteer Drivers' Service for Monifieth.**

Monifieth Parish Church have been asked to partner with Monifieth Health Centre and Voluntary Action Angus in a new venture for our community: providing transport for those who need it for health and wellbeing purposes. An electric car, to be based at the Health Centre with its own dedicated charging point, has been provided .....now we need to make sure it is used! So, if you might be interested in helping to co-ordinate bookings for the service, or would like to be one of the drivers (full licence required and PVG membership provided), please either put your name on the list available in the church office, or come along to an information meeting on **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March at 10:30am in the Rattray Hall.**

***“Spread the word and invite others along, too!”***

*Fee Reynolds.*

## Church Duty Rotas.

Date	Beadle	Finance	Welcome	Readers	Pick-Up Rota
8 <sup>th</sup> March	Henry Chapman	Pat Matchett Bobby Anderson Maggie Gray	Cathy Bowman Malcolm Bell Morag Clapperton Irene Duncan	Bobby Anderson; Gillian Anderson	Irene Coull
15 <sup>th</sup> March	Dave Inglis	Steve Allardyce Stewart Brown Ian Clapperton	Celina Heslip Irene Coull Marjory Dick Anne Grace	Bob Sutherland; Florence Jeffries	Colin Coull
22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Jim Culloch	Colin Coull Malcolm Gordon Maggie Gray	Alex Lamont Ian Greig Ron Jack John Hutton	Anne Jack; Ron Jack	Malcolm Bell
29 <sup>th</sup> March (am)	Bob Sutherland	Andy Jack Lindsey le Grice Irene Duncan	Linda Hannon Neil Morton Anne Tough Gladys Ross	Lesley Mc Farlane; Ken le Grice	Irene Coull
29 <sup>th</sup> March (pm)	Bob Sutherland	Alastair Robertson	Jane McArtney Gillian Anderson	Jane McArtney	--
5 <sup>th</sup> April	Ed McIntosh	Doris Rough Lesley McFarlane Avril Angus	Drew Scott Anita Scott Marjory Dick Barbara Burns	Lindsay Hood; Ian Greig	Ken Le Grice
10 <sup>th</sup> April (pm)	Ron Grace	--	--	--	--
12 <sup>th</sup> April	Henry Chapman	Morag Clapperton Pat Matchett Malcolm Bell	Ian Clapperton Cathy Bowman Forbes Winchester Stewart Brown	Helene Howie; Anne Grace	Colin Coull
19 <sup>th</sup> April	Ken LeGrice	Irene Coull Ian Greig Steve Allardyce	Bobby Anderson Lindsey le Grice Malcolm Gordon Anne Grace	John Hutton; Ron Grace	Irene Coull
26 <sup>th</sup> April (am)	Dorothy Culloch	Maggie Gray Celina Heslip John Hutton	Linda Hannan Ron Jack Alex Lamont Colin Coull	Cath Croll; Neil Morton	Lindsey Le Grice
26 <sup>th</sup> April (pm)	Dave Inglis	Alastair Robertson	Peter Howie Anne Howie	Barbara Burns	--
3 <sup>rd</sup> May	Jim Culloch	Andy Jack Drew Scott Anita Scott	Doris Rough Anne Tough Gladys Ross Neil Morton	Ian Clapperton; Colin Coull	Malcolm

## Editor's Chat.

While assisting at Tay Valley Family History recently, I was checking the film record of the Church of Scotland Old Parish Register for Kilrenny (*my home parish*) and I came upon this entry by chance:-

<i>Baptism Dues.</i>	<i>Anno Dom. 1793</i>
<i>To the Clerk for Registering the child's name....</i>	<i>Tenpence.</i>
<i>To the Beadle for providing the Water....</i>	<i>Fourpence, raised to Sixpence</i>
<i>And for King's Tax as per Tax Act....</i>	<i>Threepence.</i>
<i>Baptism Dues were raised in 1801 from Tenpence to a Shilling for each Registration</i>	
<i>Extract of any person's age from the Register is Sixpence, now a Shilling.</i>	

Remembering that that is 'old Lsd money' and if you consider the weekly wage of a labourer of that time was approx 85d and how much spare money the family would have at the end of each week for a large family with maybe only one breadwinner, perhaps it is obvious why many children cannot be found in the early church registers ...the parents could not afford such a luxury as baptism, especially when infant mortality was also at a high back then. There was also 'discount for quantity' in some parishes, so often, a whole family of children were baptised in bulk!!

Also, as I mentioned last issue, I have been 'skimming' through several old back issues of the St. Rules Parish News-Sheet, looking for interesting snippets of information. In the issue of March, 1925, I note that during the Congregational Social, the 'veteran' Clerk, Mr. Meldrum gave a 'racy' (??) survey of the work of the Kirk Session, while the Woman's Guild had 82 members and the Sunday School had 182 scholars on the roll and 93 names on the Cradle Roll, who received Birthday cards - and they urgently needed more male (??) teachers, to help with the training. The general accounts of 1924 showed an annual giving income of £327-8s-0d and the expenditure generated a surplus balance of £1-15s-0d. There was also an interest entry of 2s-10d (so nothing changes?).

These documents are now heading to the Church of Scotland archives I understand, but they have been interesting to peruse.

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